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IN RE APPLICATION OF: U.S. Patent No. 7,887,593

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FOR: METHOD OF IMPLANTING NATURAL TISSUE WITHIN THE VERTEBRAL
DISC NUCLEUS SPACE USING A DRAWSTRING

37 CFR 1.322 & 37 CFR 1.323 REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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SIR:

The following is a request for a certificate of correction in Serial Number 10/666,900, now Patent Number 7,887,593.

A certificate of correction under 35 USC 254 is respectfully requested in the above-identified patent.

The errors were the fault of both the applicant and USPTO and, accordingly, please charge \$100.00 to our Deposit Account No. 132546. In the event that a further fee is required, please charge the amount to the same Deposit Account.

The exact locations where the errors appear in the patent and patent application are as follows:

On the Face Page, in Field (73), under "Assignee", in Column 1, Line 1, delete "Inc." and insert - - Inc., Warsaw, IN(US) - -, therefor.
(ISSUE FEE PAYMENT (PTO-85B) DATED DECEMBER 23, 2010, PAGE 1, UNDER "ASSIGNEE ADDRESS", LINE 1)

In Column 1, Line 12, delete "Sep. 19, 2002," and insert - - Sep. 18, 2002, - -, therefor.
(ORIGINALLY FILED SPECIFICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2003, PAGE 1, LINE 6)

In Column 9, Line 5, delete "75." and insert - - 78. - -, therefor.
(AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION DATED OCTOBER 1, 2009, PAGE 2, LINE 9)

In Column 11, Line 17, delete "the to" and insert - - the hole to - -, therefor.
(ORIGINALLY FILED SPECIFICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2003, PAGE 24, LINE 7)

In Column 12, Line 48, in Claim 5, delete "though" and insert - - through - -, therefor.
(AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS DATED AUGUST 18, 2010, PAGE 5, CLAIM 45, LINE 2)

In Column 12, Line 48, in Claim 5, delete "tissue at least" and insert - - tissue at at least - -, therefor.
(AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS DATED AUGUST 18, 2010, PAGE 5, CLAIM 45, LINE 2)

In Column 12, Line 50, in Claim 6, delete "tissue at least" and insert - - tissue at at least - -, therefor.
(AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS DATED AUGUST 18, 2010, PAGE 5, CLAIM 46, LINE 2)

In Column 12, Line 51, in Claim 7, delete "the method" and insert - - The method - -, therefor.
(AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS DATED AUGUST 18, 2010, PAGE 5, CLAIM 47, LINE 1)

In Column 12, Line 52, in Claim 7, delete "tissue at least" and insert - - tissue at at least - -, therefor.
(AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS DATED AUGUST 18, 2010, PAGE 5, CLAIM 47, LINE 2)

The requested corrections are attached on Form PTO 1050.

Respectfully Submitted,



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